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SUBJ: SECRETARY KISSINGER'S BUSINESS WEEK INTERVIEW

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED PHONE CALL 1945 LOCAL (1645 GMT) FROM WILLIAM RUGH, DEPUTY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR NE SOUTH ASIA USIA ADVISING US AP PUTTING OUT STORY ON AMBASSADOR'S INTERVIEW WITH SAUDI NEWS AGENCY DIRECTOR ABDUL WAHAB KASHIF IN WHICH AMBASSADOR PURPORTEDLY WAS CRITICAL OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S REMARKS ON POSSIBILITY US RETALIATING VIS-A-VIS AUDI ARABIA IF WE WERE BEING STRANGLERD.

2. AP ACCOUNT HAS BEEN REVIEWED WITH AMBASSADOR (WHO IN RIYADH) AND WITH PAO ROBERT RUGGIERO WHO ATTENDED INTERVIEW. WHAT AMBASSADOR ACTUALLY SAID WAS THAT HE REGRETTED THAT QUESTION OF POSSIBILITY US COULD USE FORCE AGAINST ARAB OIL PRODUCERS HAD BEEN RAISED AND THAT SECRETARY HAD BEEN FORCED TO ADDRESS IT. TO KASHIF AMBASSADOR FURTHER SAID THERE WAS NO OTHER RESPONSE SECRETARY KISSINGER COULD HAVE MADE; HE WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPEACHED IF HE HAD SAID ANYTHING ELSE. AMBASSADOR SAID ALSO DURING INTERVIEW SECRETARY WAS RESPONDING TO PURELY HYPOTHETICAL QUESTION THAT HAD NO REAL POSSIBILITY OF HAPPENING AND THAT STRANGULATION BY HIS DEFINITION MEANT THAT WE WERE IN OUR DEATH THROES--A MOST UNLIKELY SITUATION--AND WOULD BE UNCLASSIFIED

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LASHING OUT TO SAVE OURSELVES. HE NOTED FINALLY THAT

SECRETARY IN SUBSEQUENT STATEMENTS HAD SAID THAT IT IN-
CONCEIVABLE THAT WE WOULD EVER BE IN A POSITION TO HAVE
TO RESORT TO SUCH A DESPERATE ACT.

3. EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED BUT HAS NOT YET RECEIVED COPY
OF SAUDI NEWS AGENCY ARTICLE IN QUESTION. IT APPEARS TO
US, HOWEVER, AS IF NATURE OF AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS PER
PARA 2 (ABOVE) MAY HAVE BEEN SUBJECT TO SOME MODIFICATION
IN PASSAGE FROM ENGLISH TO ARABIC, AND FROM JIDDA TO
BEIRUT TO NEW YORK VIS SAUDI NEWS AGENCY AND AP.
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